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Kinmount residents lit candles before the annual lighting of the village's Christmas tree on the night of Dec. 6. More on page 3.

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## Airport manager leaves township

Chad Ingram  
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands township will be looking for a new manager for the Stanhope Airport. "Duane Hicks is no longer with the township,"

Reeve Carol Moffatt confirmed Monday. "And we wish him the best."

Moffatt did not share details of Hicks's departure, which occurred Dec. 2, 11 months after he started with the township. He told the *Times* he had no comment on the situation for now, but did say, "it's come by surprise."

Hicks is a former cast member of the History

Network's *Ice Pilots NWT*. The township purchased a new card-lock fuel system during his tenure.

He replaced former manager John Packer. Moffatt said the township would be putting out a call for applications for the job shortly.

In the meantime, the airport's volunteers will make sure the site is maintained, she said.



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# Elementary teachers to strike on Thursday

Angelica Blenich and Jenn Watt  
Staff

All of the elementary school teachers in Trillium Lakelands District School Board will be participating in a day-long strike on Thursday, Dec. 13 as part of rotating work stoppages across the province.

Strikes started Monday and the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario said they will continue to cycle through school boards to send a message that the teachers aren't happy with the Liberal government's Bill 115.

"If the minister was serious about resolving issues with teachers, she would lift Bill 115's limiting parameters that are impeding local bargaining," said Steve Colliver, president of the Trillium Lakelands teachers' local in a press release. "We're interested in reaching a fair local agree-

ment, not playing political games."

"It is regrettable that we have been forced into strike action by a government that has no respect for the democratic rights of my members," added Tracy Blodgett, president of the Trillium Lakelands Occasional teachers' local.

Parents of elementary school students were sent a letter last Friday notifying them of the upcoming strike, said Trillium Lakelands District School Board communications manager Catherine Shedden.

"We sent a letter out asking for parents to make alternate arrangements ... they have been given notice to come up with a plan," said Shedden.

Parents are being asked not to put their children on the buses, while service is still running for all high school students.

Schools will be closed to students, however, non-striking employees including maintenance staff, administrators

and educational assistants will be working, said Shedden.

The board has not been notified about any intention to strike for more than one day, said Karen Round, school board chairwoman.

"We have been meeting regularly with our local elementary teachers' union, but this action is a fight between the teachers' union and the provincial government, not the school board.

"I do believe that the unions know the school board's hands are tied at this point in time," said Round.

While Bill 115 gives power to the Liberal cabinet to order teachers back to work, education minister Laurel Broten has said she will allow the one-day strikes.

According to the ETFO press release, the locals are in a legal strike position and are at an impasse with the school board.

Members have given the union strike mandates.

## High school teachers begin work-to-rule

Jenn Watt  
Editor

As of Monday, all extracurricular activities were halted at secondary schools across the province, including Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Stepping up job action meant to put pressure on the Ontario government, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation announced its members would cease all voluntary services.

This includes school sports, clubs, students' council and band among other things.

"Teachers do a lot of things on a voluntary basis within

the secondary school," said Peter Carroll, who represents the local bargaining units.

"There's a lot of activities that go on in a secondary school," he said.

In addition to halting extracurricular activities, teachers will also work specifically to their contracts, meaning they will come to work 15 minutes before class and leave 15 minutes after the last class of the day.

Carroll said it was possible that non-unionized management at the high school, such as the principal, could fill in for some of the teachers' voluntary services, but he didn't know what plans at HHSS were.

Principal Dan Marsden had no comment about the teachers' action.

Marsden said as of Friday he hadn't been informed of what the teachers planned to do and therefore could not comment on how the school would react.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board communications manager Catherine Shedden said classes would be continuing as usual.

"They will be operating as per usual, but without extra-curriculars," she told the paper.

Carroll said the action would continue until the government returned to regular rules of collective bargaining.

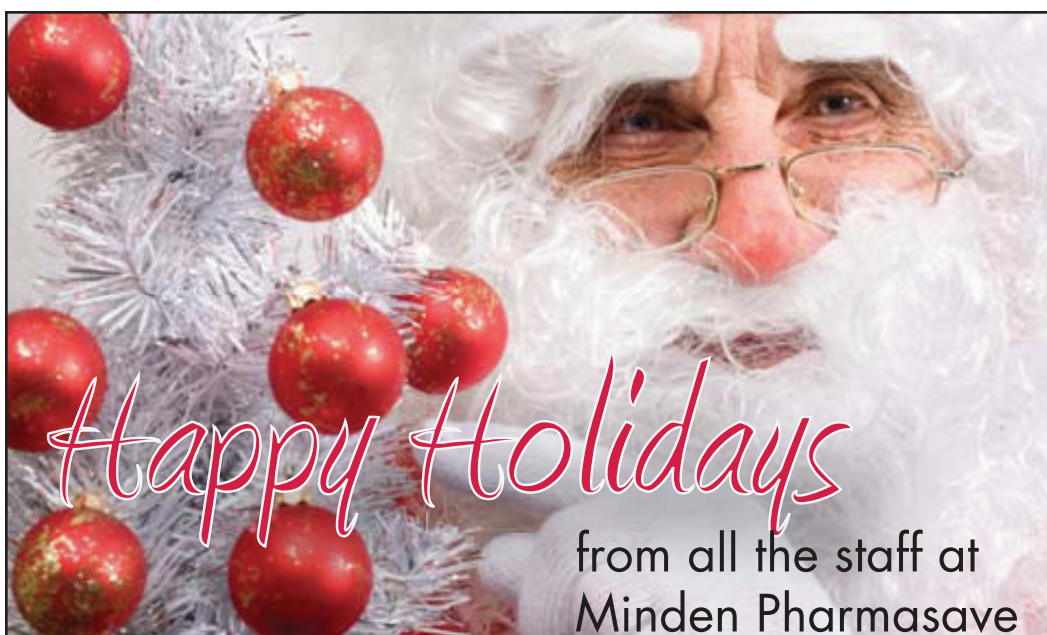
"We want the government to repeal Bill 115 and allow us to bargain according to the normal labour laws in the province of Ontario so that we are able to reach reasonable collective agreements with our employers," he said.

Bill 115 allows the province to order teachers back to work without going to the legislature to do so.

Elementary schools are also angry with the legislation, holding rotating strikes throughout the province.

Haliburton County elementary school teachers and occasional teachers will be striking Thursday, Dec. 13 for one day.

Carroll said the secondary school union is considering ramping up action, but no strike was planned.



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## Pair charged with large quantity of contraband cigarettes near Kinmount

A 39-year-old man and 34-year-old woman were charged with possession of unmarked cigarettes after being checked at an OPP RIDE program stop.

A police press release says that on Nov. 29 at about 11:40 p.m., a car with a "large quantity of unmarked cigarettes" was stopped near Kinmount.

Police charged the pair - the man from Algonquin Highlands, the woman from Minden Hills - with having the unmarked cigarettes under the Tobacco Tax Act.

They will appear at Minden court on Jan. 7 to deal with the charges.



# New bell rings in Kinmount

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

There is once again a bell in the belfry at Kinmount's Austin sawmill.

A new bell, a replica of one that once signalled the beginning and end of workdays at the mill, was given an inaugural ringing during the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony in the village on Dec. 6.

The original was stolen "by some very brave people" during the Kinmount Fair weekend 20 years ago, Jane Austin told a crowd assembled outside the mill's door.

After blessing by Rev. Joan Cavanaugh and Rev. Howard Desmond, John Austin, whose family has run a lumber company in the community for five generations, pulled a rope and the clanging of the new bell echoed into the night.

The bell was a project of the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development.

Outside children rang small sleigh bells and Jane pointed out that while the small bells might not be very loud on their own, they make quite a noise when rung together.

It was emblematic of the community spirit that ran through the night.

Father Peter Selvaraj said a prayer before the lighting of the community Christmas



Chad Ingram Staff

Santa Claus made an appearance at the light ceremony in Kinmount Dec. 6 and children were amazed to find he knew their names.

tree, which, in its second year, is a live tree the community purchased to honour the Hill family.

The family, for years, "would choose the

biggest and most beautiful tree on their property," Jane said, bringing it into the village.

The tree-lighting ceremony was followed by a visit from Santa Claus.



Kinmount's Christmas tree is a living tree the community purchased to honour the Hill family, who for years would chop a tree from their property and bring it into the village to be used as the Christmas tree.

## Children line up to see Santa Claus

Photos by Chad Ingram



Clowns were handing out balloons to children at the Christmas party at the Kinmount Legion on Dec. 8.

Right, there was a long line to see Santa Claus at the Christmas party hosted by the Kinmount Legion on Dec. 8.

Below, time with Santa was the main attraction.





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# Taking a shot at vaccination policy

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at a Dec. 6 Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting.*

Interim CEO Foster Loucks told board members that HHHS medical staff had concerns about the immunization of all facility staff and that it had been suggested some kind of policy be instituted making it mandatory for all staff members to get flu shots.

"[If not], then they all have the potential to carry flu to the residents," Loucks said.

However, Loucks said there could be some ethical issues around the rights of the person and that some staff members could be "compromised" by receiving a

shot.

"It's not as simple as declaring, 'thou shalt be immunized,'" he said, adding that an alternative approach might be making gloves and masks mandatory during flu season. "There may be some ethics issues even around that," he said.

Board member Hugh Nichol thought it was a complex case of individual rights versus the rights of the majority and didn't expect to see a resolution on the subject before the board any time soon.

## Funding changes for certain procedures

A new funding model which allocates funds based on the number of procedures performed will apply to Haliburton Highlands Health Services in the upcoming

years.

The change means that a portion hospitals' global funding will be removed and that funding will be allotted based on the number of procedures they perform, at a certain rate per procedure.

In most cases, that rate will be lower than the rate previously used in the calculation of funding.

For example, chief financial officer Cathy Outram said while cataracts procedures were previously valued at more than \$700 each, the new rate is just shy of \$500.

Cataracts procedures and hip and knee replacements will be the first to be funded with the new system, which will be phased in over a number of years.

"Being a small hospital, we don't do any of those procedures," Outram said, adding that even for procedures that will apply to HHHS in coming years, "we

just have no level that's anything to base funding on."

## Parking lot expansion

Haliburton Highlands Health Services will be expanding the parking lot at its Minden site. Interim CEO Foster Loucks said the organization had purchased a piece of property next to the existing parking lot, with the deal closing mid-November. HHHS will be moving forward with a request for a zoning change from the municipality.

"We don't always need the additional parking," Loucks said, but added there are often vehicles parked along the road whenever there are events at the site. The new parking lot should contain space for about 30 vehicles.

# Health integration leaves many uneasy

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

There was mixed reaction to the Central East LHIN's changing community services health integration strategy during a Dec. 6 Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting.

On Nov. 28, the Local Health Integration Network board voted to initiate an integration plan for community services in its North East Cluster, which will mean combining the services Ross Memorial Hospital, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Community Care Haliburton County, Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes and "supportive initiatives in the County of Haliburton."

Organizations that provide health services in the county were already working on a county-based integration plan at the behest of the LHIN.

Specific details on how the transition will work have not been released.

"What happened last week was just an expansion of what was already going into place," said board chairman Len Logozar, adding that he thought the use of the term "merger" was causing some stakeholders distress.

Community Care Haliburton has expressed some concern about what a new governance structure for a joint organization would look like.

"The one thing we can't lose sight of is all these initiatives are in attempt to improve patient care," Logozar said.

Interim CEO Foster Loucks said there were two main factors in the timing of the LHIN board's decision.

One is the introduction of new Health Link program, which attempts to cluster services by areas with a population of at least 50,000 and the other is a \$20 million allocation from the province for small, rural and northern hospitals.

Nearly \$1 million of that has been earmarked for the Central East LHIN. It is to be used for operational, not capital, expenditures and could help fund the integration strategy.

According to Loucks, five per cent of users of the

province's medical system take up 40 per cent of the resources.

Loucks thought the process was at least in part about trying to do a more efficient job at meeting the needs of that five per cent of the population.

Locally, Loucks thought the family health teams in Haliburton, Fenelon Falls and Lindsay would also have to be part of the integration process.

The interim CEO and former LHIN chairman said it's always been necessary for Haliburton County, with its relatively small population, to rely on its neighbours for certain services.

He pointed to a medical instrument cleaning agreement that HHHS has with Ross Memorial as one example.

"We don't have cardiologists . . . we don't have orthopaedic surgeons," he said. "I think we can look at this as the glass is half empty or the glass is half full. We've never been able to operate as an island."

Board member Carol Groves was concerned about the effort local groups had already put into a county-based integration model.

"It seems like the timing is cutting them off," Groves said. "What happens to all that work?"

"I don't think it's completely lost," Loucks said, adding the many results from a survey the group did could be used in the new process. "I don't see it as starting over."

Saying he supposed he was representing the glass-half-empty crowd, board member Bram Lebo questioned under whose leadership the new integration model would function.

"Who represents what's best for Haliburton County as a whole?" he asked. "Is what they are proposing indeed better health care?"

Noting that no details on the shift had been given by a government he doesn't expect to be around in six months, Lebo wanted to know where was the proof that the type of integration being put forward even worked.

"You've said a lot and you raised a lot of questions," Logozar responded. "What are your solutions?"

Lebo reiterated that the question of leadership needed to be addressed.

Board member Hugh Nichol also expressed skepti-

cism over the process.

"For many years we didn't have governance over health care in our community," Nichol said, explaining the county's health care was basically run out of Peterborough. "Governance is very, very, very important."

While he said he was happy to work with Ross Memorial Hospital, he said it was vital no control be given up.

Nichol also thought there'd been a lack of transparency.

"I don't think the LHIN has been very open and honest with the groups," he said.

Incoming CEO Varouj Eskedjian, who will begin his position in January, was at last week's meeting.


"I was caught off guard as well," Eskedjian said, adding he believed the changes were being driven not by the LHIN, but the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. "Having had ministry experience . . . I can say sometimes the ministry acts in ways that may surprise the field. The economy of this province is driving the pace of the change that is taking place."

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## our editorial

# Don't rural us out

**R**URAL ONTARIO IS under attack. OK, so perhaps that's a bit alarmist, but increasing government policy seems to be ignoring the needs of the province's non-urban areas.

Take, for example, the recent decision by the Central East Local Health Integration Network board, which is driven by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

The decision by the LHIN board late last month means that Haliburton County's medical facilities and community service providers, from an operational standpoint, will be lumped together with those of the more populous City of Kawartha Lakes.

The province's new Health Links program demands that these organizations serve an area with a minimum population of 50,000.

That's the permanent population of Haliburton County four times over.

While a lack of specialty resources locally necessitates a service-sharing relationship with centres like Lindsay and Peterborough, it seems inevitable that for the people of Haliburton County the decision will mean some loss in the governance of their own health care.

The county, whose health-care facilities not so long ago were controlled out of Peterborough, is set to become Kawartha Lakes North.

But that's just one example of the way small communities are becoming discarded trash in the ditch along the policy highway.

What a terrible, terrible metaphor. I

apologize.

Look at the city-forged regulations around the province's feed-in tariff solar power program.

They dictate that no microFIT project can be located on a property where residential use is possible or even adjacent to a property where residential use is possible.

While this may make sense in a congested Toronto neighbourhood, it sure doesn't if you own 100 acres along County Road 1 and I own 100 next door.

Look at how many gas stations we've lost in the area in the recent past. Stations in Highlands East, Kinmount and Norland have closed. There are stations in Oxtongue Lake barely hanging on.

The Ministry of Environment has dictated they need new tanks.

And that's fine. Environmental stewardship is vital, but it's unrealistic to expect a small, independently owned gas station to be able to afford half a million bucks or more for new tanks.

Look at the way protests by rural residents over the location of wind turbines go unnoticed. Or how provincial equalization payments are drying up. Or how the federal government has made it more difficult for seasonal workers to have access to employment insurance.

We live in an increasingly urbanized country, one where most sources suggest about 80 per cent of us, 85 per cent in Ontario, live in cities.

But those of us who don't shouldn't be penalized for it.

We are here. And we are valid.



**Chad Ingram**  
Reporter

## Kwarky



## letters to the editor

# Thanks to teachers

To the Editor,

With all that is happening in our province between the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario and the government regarding strike action, work to rule, etc. I feel our teachers and staff at ASES are doing the best they can under this unfortunate circumstance. I understand the teachers have to follow rules from their union or else face possible fines, but I am very thankful that all the teachers at ASES care so much for our kids.

With all that is going on, ASES classes are still having a Christmas concert during school hours (my little girl is in JK and can't wait to perform)! The teachers and staff are providing a Christmas toy table to raise money for our local food bank, there are fun activities/sports being held in the gym at recess time, and finally, as a parent with a child that requires quite a bit of extra help in one of his classes, he is always able to get that help at recess time or during teachers' prep time.

We don't know what the future will hold but in this present time I feel our teachers and staff

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# Beware propaganda

To the Editor,

Without doubt the media has a huge influence in swaying the perceptions of the general public. How facts are presented either in the wording of the press release, or by presenting only a portion of the issue, opinions are inflamed.

Propaganda has been a political tactic for decades and the Liberal Party is quick to employ this scheme to its advantage. I am outraged to repeatedly hear radio/television reports stating education workers are balking over wage freezes. To the misinformed, it seems petty and produces little public support for teachers and support staff. Add to that the hint that children's safety could be compromised and there is immediate public outcry.

The truth of the matter is that in response to the Liberal government's stripping of all school board workers' democratic rights to freely negotiate their collective agreements, a provincewide fight back against legislative

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# points of view

## Me, gullible?

**H**ERE'S SOME BREAKING news from the North Korean government-run news agency so you just know it's got to be true: apparently, the cave a team of top North Korean archaeologists declared to be the lair of a unicorn that a North Korean King once rode was not home to a unicorn at all.

Instead, they have determined it was in fact the cave of a *kiringul* – a dragon-headed, animal with the body of a deer, the tail of a cow along with hooves and a mane.

Obviously, this is an easy mistake to make. Unicorns have hooves and manes too.

I'll be honest with you – at first I was a little suspect of the whole thing. But then the Koreans said something that changed all that. They said it was a magical lair.

Now this makes sense. I mean, if it wasn't a magical lair, a lot of skeptical people, myself included, would suspect this was some sort of government ploy to divert the masses from the many real issues facing North Koreans. But since they have said this is magic, that can't be the case.

So now that they've presented an airtight case for the *kiringul*, the question is: what to do with this information?

I mean, we will probably have to rewrite the natural history of the world to include unicorns, *kiringuls* and quite possibly My Little Ponies.

Come on, North Koreans! Do you really expect the people of the world to buy

this?

No one is that gullible.

There are far too many reasons why the *kiringul* theory doesn't hold any water. But perhaps the most compelling is that they don't seem like the type of mythical beast the Kings of Old would have ridden on. Not when there were so many unicorns around.

Let's be logical here.

Forget that unicorns are sleek, pretty and were able to cure illnesses, detect poison and render any water potable. Forget that all these things

would have been useful to any king.

Instead, let's talk price.

It is said a unicorn could only be

caught by a naked virgin sitting under a tree. This would have made them rare and therefore prohibitively expensive to anyone but a king.

Sure, there are enough liability issues with unicorns when you travel at high speeds in bumper-to-bumper traffic. But they are nothing compared to the rates you'd pay if your ride had the head of a fire-breathing dragon and routinely dropped cow patties.

It's about time someone called out the Koreans on this. In fact, let this be a lesson to us all. You can't go out there and try to convince the world to believe absurd and unbelievable things.

That's how you get on Santa's naughty list.

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**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

## A season for giving

*There was an old lady,  
So filled with despair,  
When she went to her cupboard,  
Her cupboard was bare.  
When she called up the food bank,  
Her voice choked with tears,  
The good folks who answered  
Allayed all her fears.*

**P**OETRY NOT GOOD enough to be doggerel, but a true story nonetheless. The senior on the line to the Minden Food Bank was indeed weeping when she called for help.

Weeping for her dignity, I expect, for her generation does not ask for help, especially not for herself. A father asking for food for his children might find the asking a little easier.

Hunger, a need for food, is impersonal and food banks across the county face an uphill battle trying to satisfy it. They are at the top of my ninth annual list of worthy causes in this season of giving.

It is ever more difficult to rank any cause ahead of the need for food and warmth and shelter in this poverty-ridden county of ours.

Haliburton County's four food banks have had more than a thousand clients this year – some of them occasional, some of them regular. Another agency, Food for Kids, says 40 per cent of the county's children live in poverty.

Don't blame the hungry. It isn't a child's fault there's no food on the table. Nor is it a father's fault that so many jobs in this county can't pay a living wage.

Right now, community groups of all sorts are gathering food to help families get through the next few weeks, but it will be the food banks that get us through October.

The Minden Food Bank welcomes donations of any kind, but a gift of cash is good for it and for you. Good for the food bank, because cash buys items that food donors might overlook.

Good for you, because you can afford to be

more generous. Get a receipt and you'll get part of your gift back at tax time. You'll have forced the government to help out. Barb Walford-Davis, 489-1715.

Many of the 30-plus good causes in this column need volunteers as well as money. Most of them can issue tax receipts. There isn't room here for that kind of detail – just call the numbers and ask what you can do.

Usually, food banks can only tide folks over for a few days until the next cheque arrives – be it pay or welfare or pension. Fuel for Warmth tides folks over with enough fuel for two or three weeks. You can donate cash or firewood. 286-3561 or 489-3324.

Food for Kids provides more than 4,000 school breakfasts and snacks a week to Haliburton school children. Aaron Walker, 754-1669.

Places for People creates affordable rental accommodations in Haliburton County. Right now, it is making its second property in Carnarvon a better fit with economic reality. Fay Martin, 286-3668.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation tops a list of health-care causes. The foundation, which supports hospitals and long-term care homes in Minden and Haliburton, is raising funds for a central monitoring system that will let nurses monitor vital signs remotely. Dale Walker, 286-1580.

Minden Hospital and Hyland Crest get special attention from the Minden Health Care Auxiliary. The auxiliary wants to supply mattresses for stretchers and upgrade lighting in the hospital's emergency room. Judith McNeillage, 489-2943.

The Kinmount Health Services Foundation provides furniture and computer and medical equipment for the Kinmount Medical Centre. Its next project is a new medical record system.

Dave Warren, 454-8220.

The Alzheimer Society, though based in Lindsay, provides support for individuals in Haliburton diagnosed with dementia, and for their care-givers. 878-0126 or 800-765-0515.

Community Care Haliburton County offers support to seniors and to adults with disabilities and/or illnesses, and to their caregivers, helping seniors to remain in their own homes. Maureen Ruttig, 705-457-2941.

Chosen as the county's Non-Profit of the Year in 2012, SIRCH Community Services provides food security programs, school readiness, hospice and bereavement supports and programs for expectant mothers and families with young children. Nancy Brownsberger, 457-1742.

The YWCA Women's Centre offers free, confidential counseling and support services to women experiencing abuse in their lives, and may provide a safe haven for women and their children fleeing abuse. Daisy Downs, 286-1942.

Point in Time for Children, Youth and Parents buys Christmas gifts for children and families, sends children to camp and has been running an after-school recreation program in Minden. Lisa Hamilton, 457-5345.

Most of us live here because we love Haliburton's great outdoors. There are plenty of organizations working on protecting it.

The Haliburton Land Trust is running a buy-an-acre campaign to support its acquisition of the Dahl Forest near Gelert, one of four properties held by the trust, which aims to preserve the county's natural heritage for future generations. Kim Robichaud, 457-3700.

Environment Haliburton protects and restores the Highlands through advocacy, education and action. Heather Ross, 488-2632.

Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary has helped

more than 200 wild animals and birds, many of which were successfully released back into the wild. Monika Melichar, 286-1133.

More than 900 school children attended the 2011 Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Lakes Children's Water Festival free of charge, participating in 42 outdoor water-based activities as they learned about that important natural resource. Irene Heaven, 286-3181.

The festival is supported by FEEL (Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning), whose mission is to advance awareness, understanding and appreciation of ecosystems through education. Norm Thomas, 286-3323.

Anybody interested in walking, biking, history or nature might want to support FoRT, Friends of the Rail Trail, which has been around since 2007, connecting the community and the Rail Trail. Pamela Marsales, 457-4767.

The Dorset Community Partnership focuses on projects for the betterment of its area. Current projects include a playground, a community park and dock improvements. Collin Reaney, 766-0616.

The Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development remediated 140 feet of Burnt River shoreline in the village park in 2012. In 2013, it plans to build a portable stage for community events. Diane Austin, 488-2635.

Minden Firefighters Association funds equipment purchases for the fire department – just recently a \$7,000 hydraulic pump to extricate victims of car accidents from their vehicles. Doug Schell, 705-286-1202.

Special Olympics gives folks with special needs a chance to play sports. Haliburton Red Wolves have teams in bowling, curling, baseball and golf. Yvette Brauer, 488-2282.

Haliburton reaches overseas to help. Haliburton Highlands Grannies, with 60 members across the county, supports the Stephen Lewis Foundation in its efforts to help African grannies raise AIDS orphans. Peggy Cassils, 286-

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**Neil Campbell**  
Back of Beyond



# letters

## Safe environment

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at ASES are providing our kids with a fun and safe learning environment.

I want to wish each and every one of them a very Merry Christmas!

**Shannon Walker  
Minden**

## Thank you, firefighters

To the Editor,

Two weeks ago our life as we knew it here on Buckslide Road changed forever. The massive fire that levelled our 7,000-square-foot garage/workshop and devoured 15 of our vehicles is still haunting us on a daily basis.

Thankfully no one was hurt. We are writing to say a huge thank you to the Stanhope fire station and the Dorset fire station for their quick arrival and diligent work to put out the inferno. Nothing could be saved because the fire was so engulfed when they arrived but they somehow managed to save my studio and our heating system. They concentrated on that end of the "L" shaped building and were able to stop the raging fire from taking my studio and livelihood as well.

There was somewhere in the neighbourhood of 40 firefighters here and we truly thank every single one of them. A special thank you to Tony Aymong, the first to arrive, for having the insight to run into my studio and save the hard drive for my computer, as it is key to my business.

We are eternally grateful to both fire departments for all that they did that night on the Nov. 16. Thank you to Keith and Lynn Kuntz and Daryl Hudson for getting out of bed in the middle of the night to be here and support Helmut while he watched his building and world burn to the ground. To my brother, Frank Patterson, a huge thank you for getting Holly, Nick and I home from four hours away safely so that we could be here by day-break.

Endless thank you to the Moran family for stepping up and bringing us everything that we could possibly need to get us through each day and for keeping us grounded through the tears and the shock. A big thank you to Tim Johnston and to Ray Johnston for cutting his trip to Florida short to fly home and get right on the clean up with Tim and get the terrible reminder of what we lost out of our sight.

Also, a very heartfelt thank you to friends, family, tradesmen, local businesses and everyone who has helped us and supported us all during this time of shock and overwhelming stress. It is so wonderful to know that so many caring, generous people exist in Haliburton County. Our family chose to make Haliburton County our home a little over seven years ago. We have never regretted our move here and never will.

**Kathy, Helmut, Holly and Nick Scharl  
Algonquin Highlands**

**Email your letter  
to the Editor at  
jenn.watt@sunmedia.ca**

## Free collective bargaining is a right earned

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attacks is in progress. Bill 115 gives unprecedented power to the minister of education and cabinet to interfere in all collective agreements in the education sector. It also sets out conditions that must be included in our collective agreements. The wage freeze has been well publicized but this bill also contains, among other things, unpaid days of work! It also gives the minister of education the power to review, approve or rewrite any collective agreement, or any provision of our agreements in the next two years. However, it is widely speculated that this two-year restraint bill will remain in effect as long as there is a deficit. This law takes away our right to free collective bargaining.

In the past week, progress reports have been taken home by the students and all parents have been given opportunity to meet with the teacher to discuss their child's progress. I hope parents take time to appreciate all of the overtime hours that

have been spent to prepare for these. I would venture to say that there may not be any other Canadian profession that volunteers so freely of its time, whether it is lesson preparation, marking and evaluations, coaching and supervising at school events. These free services, given for the love of the children and their betterment, seem to have been taken for granted as part of the job description. The ministry and board may try to discredit this honourable profession but I am sure the truth will prevail.

May I suggest that a thank-you be expressed to your child's teacher in support of what they do in your school and of their fight to uphold the constitutional rights we all enjoy. Collective bargaining is one of the cornerstones of the labour movement.

It is a right earned after generations of struggle.

**Faith Aggett  
Minden**

## Bear exhibit gives opportunity to learn

To the Editor,

Re: "Changes to museum are appalling" Nov. 14:

This is me wading into the fray, girded with no real expertise, knowledge or insight. Standard op, then, in other words. Here's what I know for sure: R.D. Lawrence was a naturalist and wild-life lover. He studied wolves, some free-roaming, some not so much. He left behind lots of stuff, now housed in the cultural centre, and an outspoken widow. Outspoken is good. Especially when you're protecting the memory of a loved one.

But here's what I don't get. Why is the current bear exhibit at the RDLP so offensive to Mr. Smith of Ingoldsby, and so blasphemous to Mr. Lawrence's memory? This is what a natural history exhibit is like. By nature, it's full of nature. I've visited many of the great museums across this continent. First stop? The natural history section.

Loooove that stuff! Show me a quality diorama and my face is glued to the glass till I'm pried away by a museum attendant who wants to go home. The presence of a stuffed bear or two only adds to the magic.

Mr. Levstek is right: how else am I gonna know what a bear looks like up close and personal unless someone stuffs one

and puts it on display? These creatures were probably dear to Mr. Lawrence's heart, and I appreciate the opportunity to educate myself about them. And I'd say if it's good enough for the Smithsonian, then it's fair game for the Minden museum, "game" being an unfortunate but, frankly, hilarious pun.

Finally, and maybe I'm veering off point here, but maybe not: Mr. Levstek seems to be a good addition to the cultural centre. Many people were horrified with the news last winter of all the changes – staffing and otherwise – coming down the tube. I may even have been one of them. But I'm willing to eat my words. Mr. Levstek is making an effort here. There is lots to do at the centre, if you've noticed. There are lectures and films and exhibits and workshops and art openings and artist talks... You can cross the bridge to culture and come away feeling like you've actually learned something. I applaud the efforts of all involved. The cultural centre is a jewel in this town, stuffed bears and all.

And who's calling us "ignorant, backwoods yokels" anyway? That was ME? Oh. Whoops.

**Melanie Sedgwick  
Gelert**

## Making wishes come true

To the Editoe,

Before her death from cancer in October 2008, a fund called Sissy's Love Connection (SLC) was established as a legacy for Janice Crawford. As a Haliburton resident and very active volunteer, Janice would be delighted and proud to know that she has helped hundreds of local children.

As the money in Sissy's Love Connection has all been spent, the fund is now closing.

At this time, we would like to inform the community how the money was used. In addition we wish to again thank the very generous individuals who contributed cash donations or items for the big auction fundraiser in May 2008. We are also grateful to the following organizations that gave money ... Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Services, Haliburton Veterinary Services, St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church and the Ingoldsby United Church Women. Since August 2008 approximately \$8,000 has been donated from SLC to enrich young peoples' lives with cultural activities. Individual young people have had financial



**Janice Crawford**

assistance for lessons in singing, guitar, piano, and dance. Instruments have been purchased and courses have been taken at the Art Hive and Minden Cultural Centre. In four consecutive years, hundreds of students benefitted by SLC donations to Artists in the School. In this program, Haliburton County artists provided classroom activities as varied as glassblowing, sculpting, puppetry, dancing and storytelling. For three years, including the June 2013 session, students, with the help of Sissy's Love Connection, attended a weeklong arts camp sponsored by Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Students and parents have expressed much appreciation for these wonderful enriching opportunities. On behalf of Janice's family and friends, thank you to all Sissy's Love Connection supporters for the opportunity to make some of Janice's wishes come true.

**Sharon Harrison  
Sissy's Love Connection**



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H.A.V.E. (Help A Village Effort) has surpassed its goal of completing 180 tube wells and 150 Eco San toilets in rural India in partnership with the Canadian International Development Agency. Diane Dawson, 286-3202.

Haliburton dotes on its history. The Friends of Twelve-Mile Lake Historical Church preserve the church Scotch Presbyterians built south of Carnarvon 122 years ago. Sinclair Russell, 489-2244.

Irondale Community Church, which was Anglican until quite recently, was built in 1887. It is being restored by a group called Bark Lake

Cultural Developments. Carol Simmons, 286-3588.

Stanhope Heritage Museum is creating virtual displays for its website and expanding its collection of Orange Lodge memorabilia. Betty Moffatt, 489-3021.

The Standard Chemical Plant in Donald, remembered as a producer of wood acetate from the county's forests during the Second World War, is the oldest industrial building in central Ontario. The Central Highlands Green Step Project hopes to have the derelict building restored to its former glory by this fall. Leora Bertram, 457-4838.

After the nature-lover, Haliburton's most common species is the culture vulture (*Coragyps*

*brezinus*).

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library supports all eight library branches, raising funds for special book collections, programming and library enhancements. Heather Thom, 705-447-2402.

The public face of the Highlands Opera Studio is its performances but its real purpose is the schooling of about a dozen young professionals selected through a rigorous cross-country audition process. It's free for the singers; donations help pay the bills. 457-9933.

The summer's other major cultural extravaganza is the Highlands Summer Festival, which brings live theatre to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. For donations, also 457-

9933.

Arts Alive is the business name of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation. It supports arts on our side of the county through community grants to groups, with a focus on young people. Georgina Parkes, 286-2692.

The Cultural Centre includes a museum, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and R.D. Lawrence Place. It needs help for everything from children's workshops to managing its collection of Andre Lapine paintings. Laurie Carmount, 286-3763.

Somebody counted more than 300 community groups in our area. These are just a few of them.

*neilcampbell@xplornet.ca*

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## Fire Calendar Winners

Week of December 3rd - Don Ash and John Hanson

## Meetings And Events

**December 13th** 9:00am, Council Meeting, Minden Council Chambers (public Session 10:00am) Last Regular meeting of 2012  
**December 18th** 7:00pm, Minden Hills Fire Department Annual Christmas Food & Toy Drive  
**December 24th** 11:30am, Administration Building CLOSED for the Holidays  
**December 25th** CHRISTMAS DAY  
**December 26th** BOXING DAY  
**January 1st** NEW YEAR'S DAY  
**January 2nd** 8:30am, Administration Building REOPENS  
**January 17th** 7:00pm, Lochlin Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting, Lochlin Community Centre  
**January 24th** 7:00pm, Irondale Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting, Irondale Community Centre

## Minden Hills Fire Fighter's Annual Christmas Food & Toy Drive

Our Volunteer Firefighter's will be out visiting the residents in the Village of Minden, to collect food and unwrapped children's toys for this year's Holiday Season on Tuesday December 18th, 2012 Starting at 7:00 p.m.



Your donations are greatly appreciated and may also be dropped off at the front counter of the Administration Office leading up to Tuesday, December 18th

## Public Skating

At the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena  
Wednesdays & Sundays 12:00 noon – 2:00pm  
Sponsors  
Sun Dec 16th – Minden Lioness Club



176 Bobcaygeon Road Minden  
**HOURS:** Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm  
**PLEASE NOTE:** Closing from December 23 to January 6  
www.mindenculturalcentre.com

## Agnes Jamieson Gallery Annual Members' Art Show

*Join us for the closing reception on December 22 at 1pm for some Holiday Cheer*

## R.D. Lawrence Place

*Presents*

## Bart the Bear Man

As part of the current R.D. Lawrence Place exhibition, Bear Wise: Cultivating Co-existence, Bart Hilhorst will be speaking about bear behavior while sharing some of his personal experiences with these amazing animals. This is a free event and all are welcome.

*Thursday, December 13th at 6:30pm in the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Common Room*

## The War & R.D. Lawrence Exhibition

November 6 - December 1

*This is an exhibit looks at the military life of R.D. Lawrence and includes a number of his personal artifacts.*

## Hibernation Exhibition

December 2 – December 22, 2012

*Brief description: An extension of the Bear Wise Exhibition, Hibernation discusses this life pattern in some of the mammals of the Haliburton Highlands.*

## Minden Hills Museum

## Minden Remembers

Exhibiting until December 22

*Artifacts from the Royal Canadian Legion Minden at the Sterling Bank building*

## Rental Opportunity – 2 Prince Street

Small one bedroom home, 725 square feet approximately, in Minden Village, very clean, fenced yard with 10x10 storage shed, electric heat, kitchen and 4 pc bath, laundry hook-up, no basement, single driveway, close to all amenities, \$600.00 per month, plus hydro. Content insurance tenant's responsibility, first and last required (the lease will be on a month-to-month basis). Non-smokers only and no pets. References required. Rental may commence on February 1st, 2013.

All interested parties are asked to submit their completed application (available at the Township office or at www.mindenhills.ca under the Notices section) in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "**2 Prince Street Rental Application**" no later than

Friday, January 11th, 2013 by 12:00 noon to:

Clerk's Office  
Township of Minden Hills  
7 Milne Street, PO Box 359  
Minden, ON  
KOM 2K0

For more notices please go to page 21

In case of emergency after hours, please call 1-866-856-3247  
For all other emergencies, please call 9-1-1

## Winter Parking

Any vehicle parked on Township maintained roadways during the winter months, that prohibit the removal of snow, will be towed away at the owner's expense.

## Winter Sand

Available at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena parking lot for residential use. Please note this is for Individual Use Only – No Commercial Users Please

## Notice To Defer Public Meeting For Official Plan Amendment Opa No. 8

This will advise that the public meeting to be held under Section 17 of the Planning Act and scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. has been postponed until January, 2013. Further notice will be provided.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2012.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST  
Planning Administrator

## Riverwalk & Wetlands Boardwalk – Winter Usage

These walkways are not maintained from October 1st to May 1st. Users will do so "at their own risk" and the pathways could be slippery. Staff are instructed to keep the Logger's Crossing Bridge open to pedestrian traffic only during the Winter months – for your safety, please use caution.

## Damaged Mailboxes

Notice is hereby given that the Township of Minden Hills will not be responsible for damaged mailboxes caused by snowplows during winter storms.

## Holiday Hours of Operation

### Administration Building

Open: Dec 24th 8:30am to 11:30am  
Closed: Dec 25th to Jan 1st  
Open: Jan 2nd 8:30am to 4:30pm

## Landfill Sites & Transfer Stations

### Closed Christmas Day & New Year's Day

Regular winter dates and times will apply otherwise



## National day of action

# Remembering and strengthening resolve

➤ Women gather at Anglican church to mark Dec. 6 Montreal Massacre anniversary and stand against violence against women

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

On Dec. 6, a small but vocal group of women gathered at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden for the annual National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

"For all women who labour under this oppression, we might as well call it what it is, we remember them," said Cheryl Denomy of the YWCA, which hosted the event.

Denomy paid tribute to Haliburton County resident Joyce Watson.

Watson was shot dead by her husband in 1987. She was in the process of leaving him.

"She's a very close and personal story for us," Denomy said.

Outreach counsellor Paula Pepping talked about ways of advocating for an end to violence against women.

Wearing buttons, talking to MPs, encouraging people who commit violence to get help, protesting negative media images of women and girls are all ways to help, Pepping said.

There were readings, singing and dancing.

Many of the attendees were members of choir and advocacy group Outloud Womyn's Voices.

"No woman should have to cry because she's a woman," said Sharon Harrison, as she led the group in a series of dances.

On Dec. 6, 1989, 14 female students at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal were murdered.

They were killed because they were women.

The national day of remembrance and action was established by Parliament in 1991.



Chad Ingram Staff

Women sing at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden during the National Day for Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women on Dec. 6.



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Sharon Harrison leads a group of local women in song and dance during the National Day for Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

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# Students exercise their right to protest

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

They shouted and waved protest signs in front of their school on a cold, but sunny day because their teachers can't.

Despite the sub-zero temperatures, there were more than 125 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students who streamed from the high school, leaving their first period classes.

They stood, shivering on the side of the road to protest changes to the negotiating process in the ongoing battle between the province and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

With gloved hands, they held various signs denouncing the province's controversial Bill 115, also known as Putting Students First Act. The act limits collective bargaining, takes away the right to strike, freezes wages and slashes benefits.

While other Ontario high school students walked out of schools on Monday after extracurricular activities were cancelled in the most recent volley in this battle, HHSS students showed solidarity with a protest yesterday since Monday was cancelled due to weather.

Periodically, the group of mostly senior students with a few Grade 10s and 9s, did leave to warm up in the school, but returned throughout the day.

Led by seniors Jonah Stonehouse, Keith Burley, George Charlebois and Melissa Sands, the protest was organized over a few days and was seen as an opportunity to be heard and to unify with other students. Organizers said Facebook was used to mobilize students.



**Darren Lum** Staff

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students stood by the side of the road near the school holding protest signs to voice their concern over the current situation between the teachers and the province on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Students expressed displeasure with Bill 115 and wanted to strike for their teachers who cannot because of the bill.

## Find *Independence* in your home.

### The Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit can help.

Seniors 65 years and older and their live-in family members are eligible for a tax credit of up to \$1,500 on home modifications that improve safety and accessibility – regardless of income. Eligible improvements include things like support bars, ramps or walk-in bathtubs. To claim your credit, keep your receipts for when you file your taxes.



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## community gives

# Foundation launches lottery

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Move over Princess Margaret Hospital. Haliburton Highlands Health Services has a lottery of its own, which launched Monday at the Minden HHS site.

The Cash for Care Cash Lottery, a campaign by the HHS Foundation, will give players a chance to win up to \$25,000.

"Your name, should it be drawn in any of the earlier draws . . . goes back into the draw," said HHSF board chairman Peter Oyler, explaining the rules.

There will be three early bird draws, on Feb. 14, March 16 and April 30, the first two for \$500 and the third for \$1,000.

The final draws for prizes of \$15,000, \$5,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 will take place May 18.

Oyler, who thanked board members Lisa Tompkins and Don Popple for helping foundation executive director Dale Walker and himself set up the campaign, said the foundation is hoping to raise \$35,000 with

the lottery.

He also thanked Elly and Jim Malcomson, the first county residents to purchase tickets.

Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100, with 4,000 available.

"They are a great Christmas gift," Oyler said. "Thank you for coming, thank you for your support and good luck in the lotto."

For tickets, call 705-457-1580, 705-286-1580 or visit [foundation@hhhs.on.ca](mailto:foundation@hhhs.on.ca).

The foundation raises funds for equipment at the Minden and Haliburton hospital sites.

**Chad Ingram Staff**

Elly and Jim Malcomson were the first county residents to purchase tickets for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's Cash for Care lotto. They are joined by board chairman Peter Oyler, left, and members Lisa Tompkins and Don Popple.



## Real estate agents give back

The Century 21 Granite Group donated \$600 to the Minden Food Bank last week, with contributions coming from individual real estate agents.

From left are Melanie Vigrass, Pam Weiss, Anne Hodgson, Ed Gibbons, Barbara Walford-Davis of the food bank, David Lee, Tom Ecclestone and Andrew Hodgson.

**Chad Ingram Staff**



## TD raises funds from old books

Staff at the Minden TD raised \$1,500 this year through their book exchange program, which encourages customers to drop off old books, which are then purchased by other customers by donation. Food for Kids, Volunteer Dental Outreach and the thrift store at St. Paul's Anglican Church were the recipients of \$500 each. Pictured from left are Aaron Walker of Food for Kids, Lisa Kerr and Sandra Slauenwhite-Box of the VDO board, Heike Roome of TD and Kris Marles, accepting a cheque on behalf of Rev. Joan Cavanaugh. The program is run by staff, not the bank. Customers are encouraged to drop off books any time.

**Chad Ingram Staff**



# Skaters have productive season

Minden Skaters have had a very busy and productive fall. The competitive season started in October with Shae MacNaull and Madison Allaire travelling to Huntsville to compete in the Skokie Skate competition. Shae finished first in the spin event and fifth in her solo, and Madison was fifth in both events. A very good first outing for both skaters.

Then in November Larissa Stephenson, Madison Allaire, Shae MacNaull and Alexius Mills travelled to Keswick to compete the Keswick Invitational. Larissa finished first in pre-preliminary ladies' B elements and 10th preliminary ladies' B freeskate flight 10 Madison was seventh in pre-preliminary ladies' B flight eight, Alexius was eighth in introductory A ladies' freeskate, seventh in introductory ladies' elements, and Shae was fifth in junior bronze ladies' star skate flight five.

In a freeskate event the skaters have a solo to music, which varies in length depending on their level, and they are marked on their interpretation of the music and the technical elements (spins, jumps, footwork) to obtain their placing. In elements and spins, the skaters all skate the exact same spin or jump one at a time and get no reskate on these elements. Again the difficulty of the element is based on their level. Another type of event the skaters enjoy is interpretive skating. In this event the skaters chose their music based on a theme they would like to interpret and then have to give their performance a title. For example, if you used music like *Singing in the Rain* you might title your performance "Rainy day fun" and the judges would mark you on how well you develop

your theme, and your ice coverage, difficulty of steps in it program and your skating skills.

On Dec. 1, Madison, Ariel, River, Larissa and Shae travelled to Port Carling to compete in Santa Skate competition. In pre-preliminary ladies' flight one, Madison Allaire finished second and Ariel Weiss finished third. In pre-preliminary ladies' flight two, River Christiano finished fifth and Larissa withdrew due to injury.

In pre-preliminary ladies elements Madison finished seventh in flight one and Ariel finished seventh in flight two, River finished third in flight three and Larissa finished second in flight three.

Then the ladies combined their efforts and competed as a team finishing fourth.

In their first outing for interpretive competition Ariel Weiss finished fifth in introductory, River Christiano finished seventh in pre-introductory and Shae MacNaull finished fifth in bronze interpretive. Shae continued to the day with a fourth-place finish in junior bronze ladies' FS, second in junior bronze ladies' spins, and fourth in junior bronze ladies' elements.

This finishes the competitions for 2012, but you can look for more results and more skaters in the 2013 part of our season. The skaters train under the direction of Jane Symons and her team of Dave Hollows and Christine Whyte who each have their own area of expertise and combined offer the skaters a well-rounded program. Some skaters had success in the testing part of the sport travelling to Lindsay on Oct. 29, and heading there again for Dec. 17. Look for results on this portion at a later date.

- Submitted by Jane Symons



Left to right - Ariel Weiss, Alexius Mills, Shae MacNaull, Madison Allaire, River Christiano. Absent Larissa Stephenson. Submitted by Jane Symons



## Canadian Tire receives certificate of accessibility

Members of the county's Barrier Aware Team, an offshoot of the county's joint accessibility committee, presented Minden's Canadian Tire store with a certificate for accessibility last week.

From left are Bev Kraulis, owner Steve McLean, Rob Young, Deb Everitt and county deputy clerk Angela Balle. The team assesses everything from doors to aisles to washrooms. Business must volunteer to be assessed. The number for the county is 705-286-1333.

Chad Ingram Staff



## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Challenge



*Join the Challenge and help us to make a difference*

As the Christmas party season commences, The Haliburton County Home Builders would like to encourage you to include its Christmas Challenge in your plans. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed to the 4C's and Minden Food Bank for families in need.

**Step 1:** Call in advance to the Home Builders Office 705-457-6901. Members of the Home Builders Association will pick up your gifts and deliver them to the workshops in Haliburton and Minden.

**Step 2:** Collect unwrapped toys or food items at your office or your Christmas Party.

Whether this is the first year you have taken the challenge or the 17th year all gifts are needed. Are you looking for ideas? Why not collect local gift certificates. Certificates with a \$15.00 value make perfect gifts for our teenagers.

Call 705-457-6901 or email [info@hchba.ca](mailto:info@hchba.ca)

### Remember

to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up BEFORE December 14th. Early delivery to the workshops means the elves have enough time to prepare for Christmas.

### Drop off locations, where the public are invited to drop off until Dec. 15th

Village Donuts, Haliburton  
V & S Stedman's, Haliburton  
Cordell Carpet  
Moose Fm  
LCBO - Minden  
Minden Home Hardware  
Canoe FM





# Join the Christmas bird count

We hope you're able to join us on Dec. 15 to help celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bird Count in Haliburton County.

Last year, a record 2,248 Christmas bird counts took place on planet Earth. Most happened in the United States (1,739) and Canada (410), but 99 others were undertaken in locations as far-flung as Hawaii and Guam. Numbers of species recorded on individual counts ranged from as low as one or two on some arctic counts, to the high of 492 at Yanayacu, Ecuador. While species diversity is high on many Latin American counts, the numbers of individual birds is low, and most are recorded by hearing them sing or call from dense rainforest cover.

Since the first count in Haliburton County took place in 1967, 100 different kinds of birds have been recorded. Surprisingly, four of those were new in 2011: long-tailed duck, and glaucous, Thayer's and black-backed gull. Even on a good year, however, with open water and fine weather, species numbers in the low 50s is exciting here.

This year several species have been moving south through Haliburton into southern Ontario early and in unusual numbers. Evening and pine grosbeaks, red and white-winged crossbills and common redpolls are the "winter" finches most often encountered. Boreal chickadees have joined flocks of black-capped chickadees moving south from boreal forests. (Look and listen for chickadees with brown caps and buzzy voices.) Large numbers of barred owls are showing up even in urban areas to the south.

When numbers of finches, red-breasted nuthatches and chickadees head south, a lack of tree seeds to the north and west is usually the reason. The same thing can lead to



Grosbeaks are most often encountered in Haliburton bird counts.

a crash in small mammal populations, sending hawks and owls elsewhere in search of food. Barred owls seen hunting in open areas during daylight indicates how hungry they must be.

The designated period for conducting Christmas bird counts used to vary, but was standardized a few years ago to begin on Dec. 14 and end on Jan. 5. We try to hold the count here as early as possible in order to include the variety of waterfowl species concentrated here as lakes and rivers to the north freeze over. Next year the count will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14, and in 2014 the date

will be Sunday, Dec. 14.

To check results from past counts, go to the National Audubon website. This count is named "Minden" after the largest town in the count circle, and the code is ONMN.

The circle extends from Kinmount in the south to Mountain Lake in the north and east to include Irondale, Gelert, Lochlin and Ingoldsby. It was selected to include the most open water in the Gull River and Burnt River systems.

As more and more birders move to Haliburton County, their contributions to the Christmas count make the data collected that much more valuable. You help make this count one of the most successful and interesting in Ontario.

So stock your feeders with sunflower seed and niger, scatter some millet and cracked corn on the ground for the sparrows and mourning doves, and hang up some suet for the gray jays and woodpeckers. Call to join us on Dec. 15, but, most importantly, be sure your birds are included in this year's totals.

Contact Ed, Thom or Dennis as soon as possible to join a group on Dec. 15.

To report birds at your feeder, phone 286-1189 between 5 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 15, or phone Ed or Thom on Dec. 16. Or you can email your results to Dennis or mail them to Dennis Barry, 338 Crystal Beach Blvd., Whitby, ON L1N 9Z7. Species not seen by anyone on Dec. 15, but found on Dec. 12, 13, 14, 16, 17 or 18 will be recorded as Count Week birds. Thom Lambert 457-9110, singing.dog@sympatico.ca, Ed Poropat 457-3018, ed.barb@sympatico.ca, Dennis Barry 905-725-2116, dbarry@interlinks.net.

- Submitted by Dennis Barry



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# The unsung heroes take centre stage

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

They don't wear capes or run faster than a speeding bullet, but every one of them is a hero for Haliburton County.

On Wednesday afternoon a crowded room representing some of the volunteers who make things happen in the Highlands came together as part of the International Volunteer Day event facilitated by CARP Haliburton Highlands Chapter 54.

It was an opportunity for close to 50 volunteer spokespeople to speak about the efforts of local volunteers in the Highlands at the Haliburton Curling Club.

The volunteers are part of the diverse range of organizations falling under categories such as arts and entertainment, environmental stewardship, services and churches, sports and outdoors and health and social services.

The MC radio personality and dedicated volunteer, Mike Jaycock, who has more than 50 years of volunteering experience, knows first-hand the value of volunteers to a community.

Locally, he is aware of the many events and fundraisers through the announcements he regularly reads on the air. Jaycock said the thousands of volunteers are the strength behind the community.

"I imagine all the volunteers behind that and my heart wants to burst at the power of volunteerism in the Highlands," he said.

Despite more than 50 service groups represented and with just a few minutes for each representative to speak, he kept things moving and light with his banter and timely comments.

Jaycock said five years ago there were five million volunteers in Ontario who gave time to charitable and non-profit organizations and believes this national ratio applies locally.

"If you do the math ... that would mean here in Haliburton County we have close to 5,000 people volunteering. I'll betcha that's true. That's even before we count the young people. You're a crucial natural resource for the Haliburton Highlands. It helps us in many ways. It helps us make sense of our world," he said.

For all the problems he is aware of in the world from conflicts to the economic crisis, Jaycock said, he doesn't understand or know their outcomes. Volunteering is starkly different.

"The beauty of volunteering is when you undertake a task you know exactly what the objective is. You know what the end game is about. It helps us express our compassion for others," he said, adding life can be difficult because of personal challenges.

"We're surrounded by many personal and family issues. When we volunteer we put our worries on pause. We go out of ourselves and we focus on doing well



**Darren Lum Staff**

Tom Prentice of the Minden Kin Club was one of more than 50 volunteer representatives who spoke at the Volunteer Recognition Day event at the Haliburton Curling Club on Wednesday, Dec. 5. The event recognized volunteer organizations that represent health and social services, sports and outdoors, service clubs and churches, environmental stewardship, and arts and entertainment. It was facilitated by the Haliburton Highlands CARP Chapter 54 to recognize the International Volunteer Day on Dec. 5.

for others. Our compassion is a good reminder we are all a part of one earth," he said.

Special guests for the event included MPP Laurie Scott and outgoing Haliburton County Warden and Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

"What would we have as a county if those volunteers didn't carry on what they do? It's free will. It speaks well of the conscience and commitment of the people that have come to the county," he said, referring to Scotty Morrison and others like him. "Look at the commitment he made. I could name so many of you."

Fearrey congratulated all the volunteers for everything they do and referred to them as a "great bunch of people."

Scott gave thanks on behalf of the province and said the Highlands have great volunteering reputation.

"Our communities would not be what our communities are without the efforts of all of you in the room and your families because they let you go and volunteer. It's time away from them. It makes a great big difference," she said.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid also attended.

In 1985, the United Nations volunteers founded International Volunteer Day.



**Before the refreshment break Rev. Joan Cavanaugh of the Anglican Parish Minden-Kinmount spoke to more than 50 volunteer representatives.**

The Rev. Joan Cavanaugh of the Anglican Parish Minden-Kinmount, who rivaled Jaycock with wit and humour in her brief time at the podium, proposi-

tioned potential volunteers in a unique way.

"The pay is not so great, but the benefits are heavenly," she said.





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**Workshop: Online Video Marketing - The Virtual Sales Pitch**

**Presented by:** Sarah Coombes, V3 Productions

**Date:** Dec. 11th, Time: 9 a.m. - 12

**Location:** Royal Canadian Legion

**Haliburton:** Mountbatten Room

**Cost:** \$35

Join us to learn all about what is now the hottest online marketing trend! Information will be offered to participants on how to make the most of this fantastic online marketing strategy for your own business. V3 Productions is Canada's premiere company offering professionally narrated images, and owner Sarah Coombes will show you how to incorporate this #1 online ranked marketing medium of video for your own website. Sarah was a finalist in the second annual Bears' Lair Entrepreneurial Competition. Her talent and knowledge of this key marketing strategy means this workshop is not to be missed!

### Business Open Forums

Feb 5, 6 & 7 Is improving the vitality and prosperity of business in Haliburton County important to you?? The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Business Open Forums at 3 County locations to take a look at the business climate of the Haliburton Highlands - your participation will help shape the work of the Chamber as a resource for business and the 'Voice of Business'. Everyone with an interest in business is encouraged to attend. Please contact our office for more information.

## Member News

### Welcome New Members!

1. All Green Ink - Roger and Heather Chong
2. Sun Coast Screen Enclosures - Andrew & Evonne Jack
3. V3 Productions - Sarah Coombes

### GRAND OPENING!! - Wilberforce Service Centre - Fri. Dec. 7, 10:30

Gas is flowing again in Wilberforce, thanks to new owners Don Bamford and Randy Robski who shortly after purchasing the station, had it refitted with state of the art equipment. Congratulations Wilberforce on your new Service Centre!

### Congratulations! - Peter Brady, Trophy Properties

Our sincerest congratulations are offered to Peter Brady of Trophy Properties. Peter recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Commercial Council of Realtors - certainly well deserved recognition! The Chamber is proud to have Peter as one of its Directors of the Board.

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# Peewee A Storm defeat Parry Sound

There are always games that you look forward to on the schedule. Statements games; games that mean more than simply a win or loss.

These are games that show what your team is capable of.

For Smolen Dentistry's Highland Storm Peewee A team, Saturday's two-game away stand against an undefeated Parry Sound squad were exactly those kinds of games.

Although our team has done very well in tournaments, it's always been felt that we must do better in the regular season when the teams have proven to be more consistently challenging.

In the three games prior to Saturday, Parry Sound had defeated our boys once and tied twice and have rolled through the rest of the schedule untouched by other teams.

Saturday's first game started with our team playing very strong but a six-minute lull in the second period showed that Parry Sound can do a lot of damage very quickly when given the opportunity.

Devyn Prentice started the scoring in the first but Parry Sound quickly tied it.

Owen Smith put us out in front again and Kyle Cooper followed with a nice goal as he was falling down after being checked.

A penalty shot by Parry Sound provided

some tense moments but Josh Bellefleur was up to the task and the opportunity was denied. Ben Schmidt then followed up with a beautiful glove high shot and things appeared to be well in hand for our squad - that's when the bottom fell out.

Six minutes and three quick goals and the game was suddenly tied going into the third period.

Despite the set-back the Storm rallied and Alex Petrie found the back of the net off the face-off to put us back in the lead.

It was not to be though, and with five minutes left Parry Sound's star player broke free to tie it up once and for all, 5-5.

The second game started with Parry Sound taking command by scoring two goals right away.

This time it was our boys' turn to come-back. Alex Petrie scored first after some fine passing with Kyle Cooper but Parry Sound responded to make it 3-1.

Before the end of the second, Ben Schmidt on a feed by Owen Smith brought our boys back to within one.

In the third period, the Storm put it all together. Kyle Cooper tied it up and Petrie's pass in front to Smith had us up by one. Parry Sound managed to tie it one more time but our crew took control quickly after that.

Jacob Haedicke made a nice long pass

up to Schmidt who followed up to score on his own rebound and then completed the hat-trick off the face-off quickly after that. In the final minute, Parry Sound pulled their goalie but Nik Dollo put the game away for good.

Final score 7-4.

Congratulations boys, your heart and determination show that you are capable of beating anyone, if you choose!

Be sure to come out and cheer on the boys as they try to avenge an earlier loss to Huntsville this Saturday in Minden at 6 p.m.

Submitted by Jon Petrie

## Midget girls drop two nail-biters

The Minden Car Quest/Canadian Tire Midget BB Storm girls' hockey team dropped a pair of games on the road Saturday in Toronto.

Our first game against Leaside #2 in the

morning held many scoring opportunities for both sides. Leaside tipped the scale in their favour with a 3-1 win over the Highland Storm squad. Jessica Duchene was the lone Storm sniper with a quick slap shot beating the goalie on the short side off a nice cycle play mid-way through the third period.

The Storm girls played their second game in an evening tilt with the Scarborough Sharks.

Again, many scoring chances were created by both sides. Alicia McLean put home a rebound off a scramble in front of the Scarborough netminder late in the third period to bring the score to 2-1.

We could not pop in another goal to tie the game and the score remained the same.

Keep up the efforts in generating scoring chances, girls - the puck is starting to bounce in our favour.

Next home game is Saturday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. against the West Northumberland Wild.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

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<b>Men</b>		<b>Men</b>	
High avg: Ken Thompson	200	High avg: Ken Thompson	212
High single: John Pugh	244	High single: Claud Cote	305
High single hdcp: Perry Morrison	306	High single hdcp: Claudee Cote	322
High triple: Chris Hill	623	High triple: Ken Thompson	835
High triple hdcp: Chris Hill	749	High triple hdcp: Ken Thompson	870
<b>Ladies</b>		<b>Ladies</b>	
High avg: Chris Cote	187	High avg: Chris Cote	183
High single: Chris Cote	242	High single: Marie Thompson	206
High single hdcp: Barb Milligan	299	High single hdcp: Marie Thompson	264
High triple: Chris Cote	623	High triple: Marie Thompson	498
High triple hdcp: Chris Cote	750	High triple hdcp: Diana Coleiro	690
Tues night: Dec. 4/12		Thur. aft. Dec. 6/12	
<b>Men</b>		<b>Men</b>	
High avg: Ken Thompson	200	High avg: Ken Thompson	211
High single: Ken Thompson	229	High single: Tom Marshall	238
High single hdcp: Tom Holleran	259	High single hdcp: Tom Mashall	291
High triple: Ken Thompson	574	High triple: John Whitty	611
High triple hdcp: Peter Lancia	671	High triple hdcp: John Hudson	686
<b>Ladies</b>		<b>Ladies</b>	
High avg: Malene Robinson	175	High avg: Chris Cote	193
High single: Berenda Harding	219	High single: Chris Cote	236
High single hdcp: Brenda Harding	267	High single hdcp: Beverly Alexander	269
High triple: Brenda Harding	607	High triple: Chris Cote	562
High triple hdcp: Brenda Harding	751	High triple hdcp: Sharyn Mcalpine	675

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Thursday afternoon mixed bowling - Nov. 29		Men's High Single - Scott Welch	308
Weeks High Scores (with h/cap)		Men's High Triple - Scott Welch	710
Ladies High Single - Helen Dentinger	267	YTD Flat Average	
Ladies High Triple - Helen Dentinger	721	Ladies - Cathy Snell	222
Men's High Single - Stu Vanderburg	287	Men's - Rick West	196
Men's High Triple - Walter Franke	706		
YTD Flat Average		Haliburton County Red Wolves Nov. 28	
Ladies - Helen Dentinger	174	Mens	
Men's - Gerry Wagg	179	Brandon Bailey	188
Monday Evening Mixed Bowling - Dec. 3		Jerry Corby	174
Weeks High Scores ( With H/cap)		Trevor Brauer	138
Ladies High Single - Cathy Snell	267	Ladies	
Ladies High Triple - Cathy Snell	724	Robin Fletcher	163
		Dawn Piercy	155
		Skylar Pratt	144

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Point In Time	1	2	4	55	Kelly Harrison 55
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MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE OF CONTRIBUTION TOWARD ELIGIBLE COSTS – NOTE: For Community Innovation Projects for Not for Profits and Social Enterprises – Recipient must contribute a minimum of 20% - with a minimum of 10% in cash, and a maximum of 10% in-kind contributions							
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Businesses	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	N/A	Up to 50%
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS	April 15, 2013	January 31, 2013	January 31, 2013	April 15, 2013	January 31, 2013	March 1, 2013	March 15, 2013





# Only wet babies welcome change



**Patti Fleury**  
Around the Town

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There is a saying that the only one that really welcomes change is a wet baby. Looking back over Christmases past there were so many memories both happy and sad. Our happiest was the gift of our first child David Fraser who clocked in during the first hour of Christmas morning 50 years ago. Eight years later we struggled to keep Christmas spirits up having lost my Dad four days earlier and finding his unwrapped gifts to us spread out on his dining room table. Carefully chosen there was no difficulty in identifying the intended recipient. We still chuckle about early morning assembly efforts back in the bush with parts or tools missing and batteries not included and where did that perfect summer evergreen tree disappear to on a freezing cold winter morning's search. To this day Bruce maintains a holiday supply of batteries the envy of Canadian Tire and a pre-lit artificial tree now graces the big room. Three years ago it was time to make a change with busy families no longer able to travel to the old farmhouse. David, Rita and Emma stepped up and took over the traditions. We are deeply grateful to them.

However last week while talking to youngest daughter Caitlin her words rang sweet reminding that in spite of changes past, present and future her fondest memories of Christmas will always be of the farm.

Our Kinmount community is once again saddened by the passing of a very gracious lady Grace Hickey. A resident here on the Galway Road Grace was known for her caring ways, interest in the healing arts and mentoring others along their journeys. Condolences go out to her husband Bob and their family members.

Santa Day last Saturday was a great success. At the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace we enjoyed having the children come downstairs from the Community Centre after breakfast with Santa and holiday crafts with Lynne. They carefully chose their gift bag with particular attention to the Christmas socks tucked in with toys and other treats. Without any parental prompting everyone thanked Nancy who had thoughtfully prepared the gift bags and the draw prize dancing candy cane was a big hit. The Marketplace will remain open from this Friday, Dec. 14 through to Christmas Eve from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for your tax free shopping. Thanks to the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development which sponsored the Santa Day along with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Ladies Auxiliary who welcomed the children in the afternoon with refreshments and gifts. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity the Kinmount Winterfest Com-

mittee would welcome a call at 705-488-2961. This annual event will be held on Sunday, Feb. 24.

Busy wrapping up gifts for family and friends? Remember that the Kinmount and District Lions Club has Angel Trees up in several town locations. No wrapping is needed when you place a new toy under the tree for distribution to children in the Kinmount and Minden areas. Gifts for babies and teens are sometimes in short supply. Donations of non-perishable items for the Food Hampers are also welcomed. To order holiday baking items and support the Club's fund raising efforts give Vic a call at 705-488-3053 or Dave at 705-488-2005.

From the Kinmount Library a reminder that the monthly book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library will be this Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the branch. Funds raised go towards Library projects such as the reading garden. There are always great bargains to be found there.

Mark your calendars now and dance in the New Year at the Kinmount Legion on Dec. 31 starting at 8 p.m. The cost is \$15/person, which includes favours, a midnight hot and cold buffet, spot and door prizes. Tickets are available at the branch or by calling 705-488-2462..

Until next week...

## Christmas in Carnarvon a success 39 years in a row

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**Gina Atkinson**  
Stanhope Life

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As usual this month is flying by in record time for me. There's so many events going on and no is never an option for me. Last week my friends and I went to the Zion

United Church to attend "Christmas in Carnarvon," which was organized by the ladies of all different surrounding churches. The place was packed! This year made the 39th year that this event is being offered by the Zion United Church. There was a lady sitting near us who has attended all of them and reminisces that the first one only attracted 15 women! It's come along way since then and it will be interesting to see what happens next year because chairs were placed in the hallway as well. Great attendance, great job with performances - I can't say which one was my favourite since it was all enjoyable. The ladies served us tea, coffee and a yummy array of homemade treats. This evening was free to all other than the non-perishable item for the food drive which is still on going,

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# Christmas tree lights up in Dorset



**Melissa Alfano**  
Dorset News

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Dorset held its annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, Nov. 25 and as is usual, had a special tree lighter kick off the celebra-

tion. Ted Morris was our 2012 community tree lighter. Ted Morris moved to Dorset from Toronto in 1958 with his first wife Gloria and their baby Debbie. He worked for five years for Bob Abernethy at the Dorset Building Centre. Then he worked for the department of highways and retired in 1988.

During that time Ted and Gloria had three more children, Rick, Bonnie, and Jennifer. Ted always enjoyed carpentry and woodworking so this is how he spends most of his retirement hours.

Ted has also put in many volunteer hours over the years helping the community as a member of the Dorset Lions Club. Ted is in fact the only remaining charter member of the Dorset Lions. Thank you Ted!

A Christmas Service of Remembrance and Hope will be taking place at Knox United Church, Dorset on Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. This service is for all those living through a time of grief or a dark time of life. The service offers a time for you

see TRAIL page 26

## New Zumba session starts in New Year

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apparently their list of families in need is lengthy. In my travels I have seen many collection boxes so let's make sure they are full by Christmas!

Last Friday night was the Haliburton Community Living and Special Olympics Christmas Party that was held at the Haliburton Legion. It was well attended, the traditional turkey dinner was served by cadets and the music that DJ Amanda Bacon played had most of us on our feet dancing. This was a special night for the people we support in our area and it was a big pleasure watching them dancing and enjoying themselves.

Saturday night had us out again at the Algonquin Highlands Firefighters' Christmas Party. Years ago, I used to be part of the telephone dispatch before it went to central dispatch so each season I alongside the other ladies am invited to their functions. This was an opportunity for me to meet some of the other firefighters from Dorset and Oxtongue since I know most of the Stanhope guys. This Christmas celebration for the three regions was held at the Dorset Community Centre. They served us a delicious roast beef dinner and afterwards they had many presentations and certificates to hand out. We have an amazing fire department, they are dedicated, well trained and really keep up to date with equipment which is usually purchased through many fund raising efforts of these volunteers. We are definitely in good hands!

For those of you who have been attending the Zumba Lite classes recently offered at Club 35 earlier this fall I have good news to share. Since it has been very popular, Meghan Reid, the owner of Just Movements Fitness, has agreed to keep the classes going with a new seven-week session starting on Jan. 11 from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Also please note that Meghan has added an extra class this Friday, Dec. 14 from 11 to 11:45 a.m. All

classes are only \$6 each and there is a minimum number for the class to run. Meghan's fabulous version of Zumba Lite is geared towards older adults, is low impact, easy to follow and a full dance workout. Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance fitness exercise program that is popular all over the world. This is your chance to feel exhilarated, have fun and get fit and healthy all at the same time. No experience is required and all ages, genders and levels of ability are welcome. You can find out more or if you wish to sign up, please email Meghan at megsclasses@live.ca or call 705-455-7270. Please note that pre-registration by the Wednesday of that week is required so the class can run.

Have a great week!

### THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

#### FORM 1 PLANNING ACT, R.S.O. 1990 NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (By-law - 12-83) (Application No. RZ-12-10(P))

(Part of Lot 8, Concession 1, geographic Township of Anson)

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 12-83 on the 29th day of November, 2012 under Sections 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*.

AND TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than the 1st day of January 2013, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law, describing the lands to which the by-law applies, and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies, are attached. The complete by-law is available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department during regular office hours.

DATED at the Township of Minden this 12th day of December, 2012.

NOTE: Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law Amendment to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed:

- the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Minden Hills Council to the Ontario Municipal Board; and
- the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS BY-LAW NO. 12-83

Being a By-law under the provisions of Sections 24(2), 34 and 36 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*, as amended, to amend the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, with respect to a parcel of land at Part of Lot 8, Concession 1 in the geographic Township of Anson.

By-law 12-83 rezones the subject lands from the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone to the Shoreline Residential Exception Forty Seven (SR-47) Zone in order to recognize deficient lot area and frontage, notwithstanding Section 5.2 Table 2 of the Zoning By-law to the contrary. This rezoning is a condition of consent application H-069/11.

This By-law will be in conformance with the Official Plan of the Township of Minden Hills.

(Ms.) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST

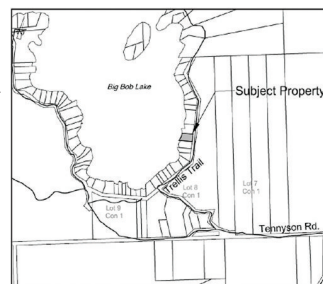
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## Notices

### St. Patrick's Parish Christmas & New Years Mass Schedule:

#### St. Patrick's Church Kinmount

**December 24th**  
7:00 PM Children & Family Christmas Mass

**December 25th**  
9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

**January 1st**  
9:00 AM Feast of Mary Mother of God

#### Our Lady of Fatima Church Minden

**December 24th**  
5:00 PM Children's Christmas Mass & Pageant

**December 24th**  
9:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass

**December 25th**  
10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass  
**December 31st**  
5:00 PM Feast of Mary Mother of God

### THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

#### Notice

The Council of the Township of Minden Hills will consider the following amendment(s) to the Comprehensive Fees and Charges By-law at their regular Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 13th, 2012 at approximately 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden:

- SCHEDULE "E":** Roads Department Fees
  - Wide Load Permit - Single Use - \$50.00
  - Wide Load Permit - Annual - \$300.00
- SCHEDULE "F":** Planning Department
  - Amendment to wording - no fee change
- SCHEDULE "T":** Environmental and Property Operations
  - Water - Unauthorized removal of Water Meters - \$500
  - Landfill - removal of \$10.00 charge for brush

Nancy Wright-Laking, CAO/Clerk  
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nwright-laking@mindenhills.ca

#### Notice Of Special Committee Of The Whole/ General Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 15th, 2013

Minden Hills Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that a Special Committee of the Whole/General Committee meeting has been called for Tuesday, January 15th, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. The Special meeting will be held at the Minden Hills Council Chambers. The purpose of the Special Meeting is to allow Council an opportunity to discuss and provide direction to staff for the preparation of the 2013 Budget.

Nancy Wright-Laking, B.A., CMO, CMMIII  
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**Sunday Services:**  
Zion United Church (Carnarvon) - 9am  
Maple Lake United Church (Hwy 118) - 10am  
Minden United Church (21 Newcastle) - 11am

**Sunday, December 16  
and Cantata: 'Glorious Christmas'**  
by joint choirs of Zion & Minden United Churches:  
at ZION 9:00am and MINDEN 7:00pm  
Join Minden's 'Turkey on a Bun' Supper 5:30pm:  
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**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**  
December 24  
ZION - 3:00pm Family Service  
MINDEN - 7:00pm Family Service  
MAPLE LAKE - 9:00pm  
Communion Service

# community calendar

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: [www.mindentimes.ca](http://www.mindentimes.ca) or Community Calendar link at: [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca)

**Shout Sister Choir** is looking for new members. Practices are Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton. [www.shoutsisterchoir.ca](http://www.shoutsisterchoir.ca)

**Parkinson's Disease Support Group** - Do you have Parkinson's Disease? Do you know or love someone with Parkinson's Disease? Join our group for information, support and awareness. Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. New location: Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team Education Room on the ground floor of the Medical Centre. For more information please call Janet Bottum, BSCN, RN, Senior's Health or Barb Fraser, MSW, RSW, Social Worker 705.455.9220 or E-mail: [info@hhfht.com](mailto:info@hhfht.com)

**Head Lake Grill Toy Drive:** Bring in a New unwrapped toy or gift card and receive 10% off your bill, as well as a chance to win a weekly prize of \$25 gift certificate at Head Lake Grill. All toys will be donated to the 4C's Toy Drive.

**ATTENTION** stamp collectors in Haliburton and Minden area, new club is forming in the Highlands. Please contact Kevin for more information at 705-489-1038 or 705-457-5949

**December 12:** Lochlin United Church annual community "Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing- a- Long" - Lochlin Road off the Gelert Road (County Road 1). Great music accompaniment with Rev. Harry Morgan and "Friends". Refreshments following: Hot cider and Christmas goodies. Donations to the Food Banks gratefully accepted.

**December 12:** The Alzheimers Society & Von Day program of Haliburton Christmas Open House from 1:30p.m. to 3:30p.m. Drop in to enjoy some Christmas cheer and share the holiday spirit.

**December 13:** THOSE OTHER MOVIES presents Intouchables at the Northern Lights Pavilion, 4:15 and 7:15. Tickets are \$8.00 at the door. Info at 705 286-2644

**December 14:** The Highland Concert Band hosts the 3rd Annual Christmas Concert at St. George's Anglican Church at 7:30p.m. Admission is per donation and all proceeds will go to local Food Banks

**December 14:** Wilberforce Christmas Lunch from 12-2PM Come join Community Care for its annual Christmas Lunch at the Wilberforce Legion. We will have delicious food, entertainment (Uptown Country) and fun for all. Cost \$15 per person. To register please contact Community Care 705 457 2941

**December 16:** Highlands Wind Symphony Christmas Concert at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at 3p.m. Adults \$10, students \$5, Family \$25, available at Masters Book Store or Minden Pharmasave for more info call Andy 457-2100 or Kelly 286-3377

**December 22:** Twelve Mile Lake Historical Church - Bake Sale from 10a.m. - 2p.m. located at 1112 Chambers Rd (turn off Hwy 35 at Highlands Motel, South of Carnarvon)



# Volunteer day at the Legion



## Legion br. 636

The first thing we need to do in this article is apologize to Al "Sonny" Lauchlan for spelling his name incorrectly twice in last week's article. Sorry about that!

The Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 held a general meeting last Wednesday, which was International Volunteer Day. The president made sure that he thanked our volunteers who work so hard for the Legion.

We want to remind our seniors that the potluck on Dec. 11 will be at noon and not 6 p.m.

This Wednesday, Dec. 12 we are holding our Christmas meat draw over the lunch hour. There will be four turkeys and four hams; so come in, have lunch and buy your tickets. The LA general meeting will be that night starting at 7 p.m.

The Highlands Trio will be providing entertainment at the Minden Legion this Friday night, Dec. 14 from 5 to 10

p.m. Come for our special hand-battered fish and fresh-cut chips or wings and chips and stay for the entertainment!

We will be holding our President's Levy on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. The Highlands Trio will be playing and refreshments will be served. All are invited to come out to visit the Minden Legion!

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**KELIELE, Jean Ruth (nee Munt)** - In Loving Memory of Jean Ruth Keliele (nee Munt) - 15 November 1923 - 5 December 2012 - Jeanne, as she preferred to be known, grew up in Lindsay, part of a large family. When the war started she joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. Her sweetheart Sherman Keliele of Peterborough enlisted in the Army. This caused many disputes about the superiority of the various Canadian Forces. After the war they raised their two children in Peterborough and enjoyed many years in their cottage on Lake Catchacoma. Sherman passed away in 1975 and 15 years later Jeanne connected with widower Bill Mosley from Lindsay. Bill served in the Navy during the war so all factions were now represented. As a youngster Jeanne had attended school with Bill and now they lived happily together until September 2011 when Bill succumbed to cancer. Jeanne was a Loving Mom to Eric (Bev) of Australia, Karen LeClair (Bud) of Minden Hills and Linda (Larry)(deceased) Mosley Levely of Minden. Also Jim Mosley (Betsy) of Winnipeg, Bob Mosley (deceased) (Debbie) and Tom Mosley (Sue) of Nova Scotia, and Pete Mosley (Karen) of Fenelon Falls. Jeanne will be greatly missed by her granddaughter Jill Rissis (Roger) of Sutton as well as Mike LeClair and Gabrielle LeClair. Jeanne was the much-loved Grandma of 13 Mosley grandchildren and 5 great grandsons. In Australia, Jeanne also leaves grandson Paulo Keliele (Lisa) and great grandson Riley and granddaughter Tiffany Keliele. Jeanne is predeceased by her brothers Leonard and Eric, and sisters Iris and Georgina. She is survived by Lillian aged 99 and Peter 80. Jeanne is beholden to dear friends Rev. Tim and Betty Sharpe (Amber), Lila Jackson, Ann Carr and Joyce and John Ritchie. Neighbours Marion Stickwood, Rita Roeder and Lou Trepanier were indispensable in helping Jeanne stay in her home. Thank you to a special niece, Carole Prest of Halifax who provided love and support and whose faith and understanding in the face of adversity are truly admired. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Sunday, December 9, 2012 from 2:00 until 5:00 pm. Then to St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave., Minden for the Funeral Service on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 1: 00 pm. Cremation to follow. Reception will be held in the Church Hall. Jeanne was blessed with good health all of her life until the recent diagnosis of colon cancer. Special than you to the nurses of Ross Memorial Hospital Emergency and 4th Floor Surgical Unit and Dr. Brent MacMillan as well as the Paramed Home Health Care Nurse, Amanda Rowden. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or to St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden would be appreciated by Jeanne. Please spay/neuter your pets, adopt an animal if you can or donate to your local SPCA or Humane Society. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com



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# Trail work coming along

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to remember a loved-one as you prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Bring along a friend or family member. For more information, call 705-635-1622 or email Lakeof-BaysPastoralCharge@hotmail.com or find them on Facebook.

Some news from the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club (TPSC); Graham Beach became involved with Gord McBride, Steve Jones and Garry Evans from TPSC because of an interest to gather support from local sledders from Kennisis Lake at the south end of OFSC Trail 62. Trail 62 leaves the Kennisis Lake Dam and heads North West towards Kawagama Lake and Dorset.

The trail has been difficult to groom throughout the winter over the past few years and was in need of some help. Graham gathered interest from about 40 families who snowmobile and was able to raise \$2,540 for trail improvements.

These funds were passed along to the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association (KLCOA) where Graham is VP and lake steward. The KLCOA in turn passed along the donations to the TPSC.

Dedicated TPSC members Gord McBride, Steve Jones and Garry Evans were also interested in improving Trail 62

and acquired all the necessary permits and approvals for the work that needed to be done.

The work on the Kennisis end of Trail 62 was performed through Kennisis Lake cottager Gary Bouwmeister's landscaping business free of charge. Garry Evans, Steve Jones and a local contractor worked on the north section of 62.

Graham wants to acknowledge the great volunteers that stake Kennisis Lake after freeze up and have worked on improved signage and lake trail markings from Kennisis to Sherbourne Lakes. He would also love to increase awareness and volunteer efforts to assist our local OFSC clubs, just like the TPSC.

Birthday wishes for Dec. 9 to 15 go out to Cameron Nash, Donald McEachern, Jeannine Dunn, Barb Jordan, Tony Arkell, Chris Davis, Caitlin Davies, and Happy Anniversary to Diane and Boyd Griffin and June and Bill Johnson. Be sure to give me a call or drop me a line to send wishes to your special loved ones or even you! So, for all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my email address which is malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.

## More than child's play

There is no playing around this holiday season when it comes to picking toys and games that are safe for children, an injury-prevention expert warns.

Safety should trump all other considerations when choosing a toy to put under the tree for children, according to Mary-Lou Mills, a family health nurse with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "Use your best judgment when choosing a toy this festive season," she says. "While a child's enjoyment of the toy is something to consider, safety is even more important."

With the Canadian toy industry being a \$1.8 billion a year business, Mills acknowledges that finding the right toy or game for a child can be a challenge given the wide selection. Her advice is for parents and caregivers to carefully read labels on a toy and stick with ones that are age-appropriate for a child. "Product labels can be a good starting point to discover how a toy works, what age it is intended for, and potential hazards it poses to a child," Mills says. "Obviously, a toy designed for a pre-teen is not something you want to give to a toddler."

To help guide holiday purchases, the health unit offers the following toy-buying tips:

- Choose toys that will stimulate and challenge children.
- Avoid toys with small parts, as these can be a choking hazard for young children. For example, choosing stuffed animals with buttons for eyes and noses is not advised, as these could be swallowed by a young child if they come loose. Instead, it is safer to stick with stuffed animals and dolls that have stitched on eyes and noses.
- For infants and toddlers, avoid toys with long strings or cords that could get caught around a child's neck.
- Keep toys with small magnets away from young children. These magnets could come loose and be swallowed.
- Choose toys that are sturdy and well-made.
- Toys made of fabric should say "flame resistant" or "flame retardant" on their labels.
- Stuffed toys should be washable.
- Check that toys are painted with lead-free paint, and ensure art materials like crayons are "non-toxic."
- Make sure batteries in toys are properly installed and not accessible to children.



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# County card scores

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Nov. 29 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were June Branning 290, Jean Scadden 255, Muriel McIntosh tied with Janice Davidson 240 and Betty Wagar 226. At 260 Archie Ross topped the gents followed by Pat Scadden 241, Karin Harrison 236 and Marcel Roussel 233. Pearl Cowen won the major draw with Tom Grix, Eileen Shepstone and Jesse Barlow taking the smaller prizes while Karin Harrison and Pat Scadden had moonshots along with Pat and Marcel Roussel. Thanks to Bev Johnson for this news.

Nov. 29 euchre at Minden Legion: May Bradbury reports that Arla Pollard and Jim Bradbury won for lone hands while Joan Mann and Bec Johnson posted the high scores. The lows went to Linda Hopkins and John Priestly with Joan Mann [2], Jason Peacock, Bob Pollard and Pat McInnis taking home the other prizes.

Nov. 30 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Tom and Dorothy Howat led at 58 per cent with a tie for second place at 56 per cent between Joan Davies partnered with Heather Lindsay and Jackie Metcalf and Bruce Armstrong. In third at 53 per cent were Alek and Irena Zworski.

Nov. 30 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Pat Bailey won for high hands, Bev Johnson for lone hands and plus the special prize and Sandra Crockett for low hands. Thanks to Shirley Howe for her update.

Dec. 1 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: First for the ladies at 388 was Bev Johnson then our reporter Sherin Brown 276, Margaret Fletcher 259 and Vi Howell 256. At 390 Marcel Roussel led the gents followed by Ida Young 317, Albert Foster 276 and Theresa Deak 260. Pat Bailey won the special prize while Ida Young [2], Phyllis Windsor and Bev Johnson had the moonshots.

Dec. 2 euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: Arthur Forbes reports that Doreen Francis won for high hands, Bev Johnson for lone hands, Jayne Cooper for low hands and Murray Daniels for the special prize.

Dec. 3 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Mabel Deacon and Joyce Ritchie with Barbara Braithwaite and Maxine Snell posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Gwen Cox with Maxine Snell also claiming the special prize.

Dec. 3 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio members were Gala Newell, Sam Gaudet and Dana Briscoe. Jim Corbett won the draw while moonshots struck Jesse Barlow, Marcel Roussel, Frank Franzen, Dana Briscoe and Theresa Deak [2].

Dec. 3 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Doreen French reports that Arthur Forbes won for both high hands and the special prize with Albert Foster holding the most lone hands and Nick Boekestyn taking low hand honours.

Dec. 3 euchre at Club 35: For most lone hands it was Al McMullen with Ann McIvor and Merv Elstone posting the highs. Joan Mann and Anne Manning had the evening's low scores while Merv Elstone won the baloney and Barry Butler the draw. Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent out to Helen and Garth Windsor from their friends at Club 35.

Dec. 4 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The top three players were Catherine Kellett 4,450, Ray McArthur 4,280 and Don Ballantyne 4,270. There were no Slams and Don acknowledges that his win was really a tag team effort with Jan Heaven contributing

Dec. 4 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Janice Davidson 289, Sharron Atkinson 273, Pat Roussel 245 and Georgina Parkes 233. First for the gents at 296 was Bob Pollard followed at 261 by Kevin Maloney, Dana Briscoe and Jesse Barlow tied at 257 and Marcel Roussel 256. Eileen Shapiera won the major draw with Georgina Parkes, our reporter Bev Johnson and Phyllis Windsor claiming the smaller prizes while Janice Davidson, Georgina Parkes, Pat Roussel, Phyllis Windsor and Dana Briscoe had moonshots.

Dec. 4 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: It was Gert's turn to play at the Lochlin Centre with Rae Shephard reporting that for the ladies Bob [Roberta] Winder was high and Reta Crofts low. Tom Grix led the gents with Bruce Shephard low man while Jim MacPherson took lone hand honours and Nancy McPherson won the special prize.

Dec. 4 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Pearl Cowen reports that top spot went to Connie Sawyer and Diane Platt at 346 with Peggy Beattie and Merv Elstone next at 301. Sandy Poulton and Joan Bell were third at 300 while Dorene Elstone and Moe Briscoe had the low score with a

very respectable 220.

Dec. 4 contract bridge at Club 35: The top four players were Sandy McKay 5,860, Heather Harrington 5,430, Ross Fletcher 5,200 and Ross Davies 4,760. Our bridge reporter Margo Davidson won the draw and Ann Maher was awarded the Shiny Penny while Heather Harrington partnered with Jim Burrows had a Small Slam.

Dec. 5 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Peter O'Connor teamed up with Margo Davidson to lead at 62 per cent followed by Muriel McIntosh and Helen Baker 60 per cent and Joan Davies partnered with Dee McLean 58 per cent.

Dec. 5 bid euchre at Stanhope: Pink honours went to Pat Marshall 240, Jean Scadden 232 and our reporter Linda Lambert 229. First for the whites at 243 was Al McMullen then Colin Miller 234 and Sandy Bell 200 with Sue Pettitt claiming the only moonshot. Linda reminds that the group's Christmas Party is on Wednesday, Dec. 19 with a 5:30 p.m. start.

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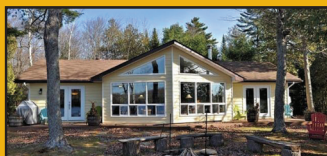
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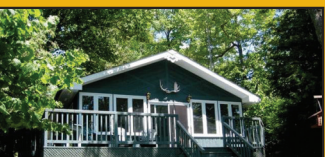
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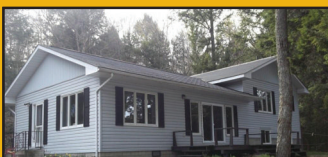
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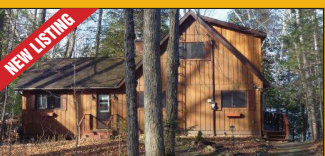
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**Outstanding Kashagawigamog Waterfront 589,000**

- Spectacular N/W exposure on Kashagawigamog Lake
- 3 bdrm/2 bath chalet style home/cottage
- Beautiful wrap around deck great for entertaining -
- 1st, time listed - Call Margie today for more details.

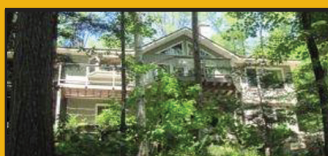
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**Priced to Sell \$179,000**

- Large family home with 4 BRs & 1 1/2 baths
- Open concept with many upgrades
- Situated on a private, well treed 2.81 acres
- Close to many lakes and Haliburton Forest

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



**Awesome Sunsets! \$799,000**

- Wonderful sunset exposure and big lake view
- Stunning timber frame, 4 BR and 2 Bath cottage
- Comes fully furnished and ready to enjoy
- Rents for \$3600. per week!

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



**"Stothart Creek" - Upscale Development**

- Great building lots
- Rural setting
- Close to Village of Haliburton
- \$40,000 - \$45,000

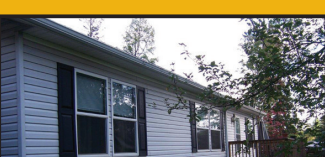
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**Scotch Line Road \$229,000**

- Century Log Home on 8 Acres with Pond
- 2 Bdrms/1 Bath, Hardwood and Ceramic Floors
- Adjacent to Snowmobile Trail
- Newer 28' x 34' Garage

Wilfred VanLieshout 457-2128 x 27



**Minden Bungalow \$223,000**

- 3 Bedroom/2 Bath Home, New in 2009
- Large Principal Rooms
- Propane Heat, Ensuite, Wrap-Around Deck
- Oversized 30' x 24' Carport

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



**Hunter Creek Estates \$98,500**

- Affordable living in Adult Lifestyle Community
- Separate garage, and level lot
- 2 large bedrooms, 2 baths
- Newer appliances and several recent upgrades.

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



**Mirror Lake \$169,000**

- 3 bdrm, year-round home/cottage
- 60' of frontage on a small, quiet lake
- Easy year-round access, close to amenities
- Well-cared for, ready to move-in

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



**Raised Bungalow \$219,900**

- 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 baths built in 2004
- Open concept, large oak kitchen
- Lg yard backing onto 35 acres of crown land
- Screened in porch and full length front deck

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



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**Bob Lake \$279,000**

- 3 bedroom cottage
- Open concept design
- Many recent renovations
- Lovely private setting

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